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FRIDAY UPDATE

December 9, 2022

CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program is a critical source of funding, guidance, and technical assistance for state, local, and territorial public health departments to strengthen their public health preparedness capabilities and improve their response readiness. The Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) Friday Update provides information and resources for PHEP recipients and other preparedness planners. Please share the newsletter with your colleagues.

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CDC to Upload Recipient Data in PHEP BP5 Application Module

CDC plans to release the PHEP Budget Period 5 (BP5) continuation guidance in mid-January, with applications due 60 days later in mid-March. Since CDC likely will not have final fiscal year 2023 PHEP funding information when the continuation guidance is released, the BP5 continuation guidance will include recipients' current Budget Period 4 (BP4) funding allocations for planning purposes. CDC plans to populate the PERFORMS BP5 application module with recipients' current BP4 work plan and budget information to ease recipient burden. **Recipients must inform their project officers by Friday, January 6, if they would like to opt out of this process.**

To make this process as efficient as possible, CDC encourages recipients to review their BP4 budget information. Jurisdictions should ensure that the increased funding they received in BP4 is fully allocated in PERFORMS by **January 6**. This will enable CDC to populate the application module with recipients' current information. Recipients will be able to review and make necessary edits to this data and can use the documentation to prepare and submit their BP5 funding applications via GrantSolutions by the March deadline. PHEP recipients will submit revised budgets and work plans after CDC releases final BP5 funding allocations. Recipients can contact their PHEP project officers for more information.

December 14 PHEP Connects Webinar Highlights PHEP BP4 ORR Requirements

The PHEP Budget Period 4 (BP4) Operational Readiness Review (ORR) requirements will be the subject of CDC's PHEP Connects webinar, scheduled for **1 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 14**. CDC presenter Christopher Reinold and Suzette Brown will discuss BP4 reporting requirements using the PHEP ORR Online Reporting and Tracking System (PORTS). The webinar will also include a PORTS demonstration, including ORR module improvements for BP4. Following is the participant information.

Participant Information

Dial-In: (669) 254-5252 (Audio only)

Meeting ID: 161 241 1865

Passcode: 569595

Web Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612411865>



CDC Response STLT Call to Be Held December 12

CDC will convene a CDC Response All-State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Update Call from **2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EST on Monday, December 12**. During the call, CDC response leadership will provide COVID-19 and Ebola updates and respond to participant questions. The STLT Task Force will not be sending a calendar invitation for this call.

Participant Information

Webinar Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1610167208?pwd=Y1h2QWp5SFJDZlhnU2NoeDZrT21JUT09>

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International numbers available: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/u/athsMwjjB>

CDC Mpox Community of Practice Webinar Scheduled for December 13

CDC will host a community of practice webinar from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on December 13**, to highlight strategies to improve access to mpox vaccination among disproportionately impacted populations, including but not limited to Black and Latino gay and bisexual men. Speakers from four jurisdictions will provide examples of successful community engagement strategies and recent projects. The call will provide an opportunity for these jurisdictions to talk about the success of their strategies, how challenges were addressed, and suggestions for other public health jurisdictions. The call will also include time for attendees to engage, ask questions, and share experiences through an interactive conversation.

Participant Information

Webinar Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1611489877?pwd=Q1dKY01tVExydkFQVzRzSnJia25Fdz09>



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ASTHO to Host December 12 Webinar on Rebuilding Trust in Public Health

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) will host a December 12 virtual conversation on effective communication strategies for rebuilding trust in public health and engaging Gen Z as public health advocates. The “Reaching Gen Z: Engaging Young Audiences in Public Health” webinar is scheduled for **1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EST on Monday, December 12**. This webinar will discuss the importance of public health messaging, social media, outreach and engagement and data; provide tips and advice for creating new or updating existing crisis communications plans; and share information on tools and resources to assist public health leaders and health communicators in combating misinformation and disinformation.

NACCHO Extends Funding Opportunity Deadline for Reducing Overdose through Community Approaches Mentorship Program

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has extended the deadline for the Reducing Overdose through Community Approaches (ROCA) Mentorship Program. The new application deadline is **11:59 p.m. EST on Monday, January 9**.

This funding opportunity pairs local health department mentors with experience in overdose prevention with mentee local health departments aiming to strengthen their jurisdictional capacity. Full details can be found in the respective [Mentee Request for Proposals](#) and [Mentor Request for Proposals](#). View the [recording](#) and [slides](#) from NACCHO’s November 8 informational webinar for more information about this funding opportunity. NACCHO has also developed a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document specific to this funding opportunity.



News You Can Use

CDC/ATSDR Updates Guidelines for Examining Unusual Patterns of Cancer and Environmental Concerns

CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) released updated [Guidelines for Examining Unusual Patterns of Cancer and Environmental Concerns](#) to help state, tribal, local, and territorial public health agencies, and other partners as they investigate patterns of disease in communities, including cancer, and environmental concerns.

CDC/ATSDR conducted extensive scientific literature reviews and gathered comprehensive feedback via focus group sessions, meetings and interviews with community members, subject matter experts, and state, tribal, local, and territorial partners. The updated guidance:

- Places a greater emphasis on engaging and communicating with community members,
- Recommends health departments consider proactive evaluation of cancer registry data at regular intervals to identify unusual patterns of cancer in a timelier fashion, and
- Replaces the steps in the 2013 Guidelines with new investigative phases and detailed criteria to:
 - address environmental concerns more broadly, and
 - de-emphasize statistical significance as the primary criterion for moving forward with evaluating unusual patterns of cancer.

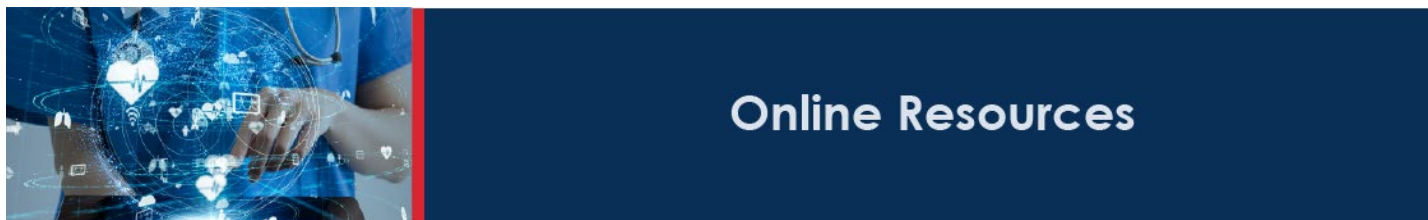
The updated guidelines, as well as accompanying tools and templates, can be accessed at <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/cancer-environment/index.html>.

CDC Planning Wastewater Testing for Polio in Select Communities

CDC will strategically expand wastewater testing for poliovirus in select jurisdictions across the country. The [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) and [Philadelphia Department of Public Health](#) are among the first locations to explore plans to start collecting wastewater samples in specific communities for analysis at CDC's polio laboratory. Preliminary discussions with select other state and local health departments are underway.

The findings from CDC's strategic wastewater testing effort will help jurisdictions prioritize vaccination efforts in identified communities of concern. Wastewater testing will occur in certain counties with potentially low polio vaccination coverage, or counties with possible connections to the at-risk New York communities that are linked to a single [case of paralytic polio](#) in Rockland County, New York. Once initiated, testing will last at least four months. The Michigan and Philadelphia health departments are collaborating with CDC to identify communities that are undervaccinated for poliovirus and have wastewater sampling locations.

Read the full press release at [CDC Planning Wastewater Testing for Polio in Select Communities](#).



CDC MMWR Reports

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, December 9](#)
- [Progress Toward Poliomyelitis Eradication — Afghanistan, January 2021–September 2022](#)
- [Human Rabies — Texas, 2021](#)
- [Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Mortality by Industry and Occupation — United States, 2020](#)
- [Safety Monitoring of JYNNEOS Vaccine During the 2022 Mpox Outbreak — United States, May 22–October 21, 2022](#)
- [Reduced Risk for Mpox After Receipt of 1 or 2 Doses of JYNNEOS Vaccine Compared with Risk Among Unvaccinated Persons — 43 U.S. Jurisdictions, July 31–October 1, 2022](#)
- [QuickStats: Percentage of Office-Based Physicians Using Telemedicine Technology, by Specialty — United States, 2019 and 2021](#)

Mpox Guidance and Resources

- **UPDATED** [How it Spreads](#)
- **UPDATED** [Pets in the Home](#)

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